

(4) above, comprising a plurality of vertical ribs provided in an inner wall of the inside guide member.

(6) A transfer needle assembly according to any one of (1) to (5) above, comprising a collar formed at the distal end of the skirt portion of the outside guide member, the collar inclining to the outside in the distal end direction.

It should be noted that the terms "proximal end" and "distal end" as used herein refer to an upper end and a lower end, respectively, as in Fig. 3.

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Brief Description of the Drawings

[0008] Fig. 1 is a plan view showing an embodiment of the present invention.

Fig. 2 is a base view of Fig. 1.

15 Fig. 3 is a front view of Fig. 1.

Fig. 4 is a left side view of Fig. 1.

Fig. 5 is a cross sectional view of Fig. 1 along line X-X.

Fig. 6 is a left side view of an inside guide member that is shown in Fig. 1.

20 Fig. 7 is a perspective view of a main portion of the inside guide member that is shown in Fig. 1.

Fig. 8 is a cross sectional view that is similar to Fig. 5, showing another embodiment of the present invention.

25 Figs. 9(a)-9^e(b) are views for explaining how a transfer needle assembly according to the present invention is used.

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